Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 1 (Worship at 7pm)
With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the “Days” of Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord’s table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Good Friday, April 2 (Worship at 7pm)
At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day -- the triumph of the cross -- reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

There are words people whisper, as though by not saying them out loud they will have no power. Certainly you have heard people do this. Good Friday is a day most people would rather whisper. It is a day of powerful truths we would rather avoid or ignore. But here we are with Isaiah telling us about the suffering servant and St. John laying the crucifixion before us in all its injustice and horror. This is a day of hard truths. This Jesus we worship and adore has been abandoned by everyone, including, it seems, God. This Jesus we love is also the Jesus we run from when he asks too much, and sometimes the hardest word of all to hear is the word of forgiveness and mercy. Those hard words are in the cross as well.

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, April 4 (Worship 8:30 & 11am)
“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree”. Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Two days have passed in silence. Our active imaginations want to fill the void with plausible responses to the tragedy of Jesus’ death: revenge, false hope, despair. But neither these nor other motives compel the women on Easter morning. For them the task at hand is mundane: to prepare the body for burial according to custom. They carry with them only spices and ointments, no dreams of vindication or unforeseen plot-twists. But, surprise! To those engaged in perfunctory routines of death, life has burst through, ridiculing death and its allies.

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Easter Letter from 
ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
1 Corinthians 15:26

For a brief time, while the crucified Jesus lay in a borrowed tomb, it seemed as if death had triumphed once again. Threatened by a messenger of God’s expansive, steadfast love, yet another human mob succumbed to death’s seduction. They chose its brutal, silencing power and trusted its empty finality. Death’s murderous rebellion against the Creator of life seemed unstoppable.

Until that Sunday morning dawned. Mary, Joanna, Mary and the other women arrived at Jesus’ tomb prepared for a body emptied of life. Instead they discovered the grave emptied of its power and death itself buried in resurrection life. Jesus Christ, the first fruits from the dead, lives! 1 Corinthians 15:20

Now Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s compassionate love, is preparing your body for a resurrection life. In that life death can no longer imprison you in a grave nor hold you captive to its violent imagination and destructive power. Joined to Christ by baptism, your body is being brought into his resurrected life, into Christ’s new creation, and into the ministry of reconciliation and peace. In this new day your resurrected service of God’s steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Lord’s doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:23-24

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Do you knit or crochet—or want to learn how? Are you looking for meaningful ways to share your craft with others? Then CtK’s new Prayer Shawl Ministry is for YOU! The “knitters/crocheters” will be gathering each month, on the 3rd Tuesday, at 10:30am—come when you can! Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks and a skein of “Homespun” yarn (each shawl takes 4-6 skeins). Patterns will be provided. Completed shawls will be blessed during worship and given to people undergoing surgery, grieving a death, moving away, or in some other need of tangible reassurance of the love of God and this community of faith. Talk to Pastor Lindean or Gloria Cartwright.

A New Paschal Candle

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This year’s Paschal Candle has been donated by the Sheppard family and is offered to God’s glory and in loving memory of Tina Sheppard’s father, James Arthur Pape. The candle was handmade by the Cathedral Candle Company and is the Eximious® *Christus Rex* (i.e., “Christ the King”) candle. The candle is made with green and bronze wax and gold leaf inlay in the style of a gothic stained-glass window. In the center of the candle is a gold *Christus Rex* figure, posed with arms outstretched and serving in the role of the cross. Bronze wax nails are placed above the head, below the feet, in the hands, and in the center. A green and bronze “rose window” appears behind the Christ figure. The date is placed below the Christ figure in bronze wax appliqué. Two bronze-and green bands are placed above and below the Christ figure, each with additional “stained glass” renderings. The top shows the Alpha and Omega letters sculpted in the center of the window, and the bottom includes a sculpted “lamb triumphant,” for it is through Jesus, the Lamb of God, that we are saved. The candle is three inches in diameter and stands three feet tall.

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Adult Forum for the Seven Weeks of Easter Starting Sunday, April 11th

During the season of Easter (it lasts for fifty days) our second lesson read on Sundays will be from the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

Revelation is one of the hardest books to understand and interpret, yet many of its images and themes are used in Christian worship, especially in the Lutheran tradition.

With the Holy Spirit’s help, we will understand how the Book of Revelation is used in worship and gives witness to the saving work of Christ Jesus, adult forum on Sunday morning beginning April 11th at 10am will look at the readings from Revelation during the season of Easter.

April 11th Opening words Revelation 1:4-8
April 18th Praise to God and the Lamb Revelation 5:11-14
April 25th Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets Revelation 7:9-17
May 2nd New Heaven and New Earth Revelation 21:1-6
May 9th New Heaven and New Earth Part II Rev. 21:22-22:5
May 16th God’s judgment and victory Revelation 22:12-17

Please plan to join us for this exciting journey into God’s Word.

For further information, please contact Pastor Grant at the church office.

Ongoing Bible Studies/Opportunities:

Tuesdays: Noon -- Men’s Gathering (upper room); 12:10pm This week’s Bible readings (library).

Saturdays: 7:00am -- Men’s Gathering (Perkins’, West Main); 7:30am, Women’s Gathering (Wheat Montana, N. 19th)

Lutheran Woman Today Study for April

All women are invited and encouraged to join us as we gather together to continue the study of the book of Romans.

We will meet on the third Monday of April (19th) at 1:15pm in the church’s fellowship hall. If you have not previously joined us and do not subscribe to Lutheran Woman Today we have a few extra copies available.

In Romans 13:8-10, Paul calls upon us to “owe no one anything except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” In the next session, we will look at some specifics about what Paul calls “love”. His focus in Romans 14-15 is the great power of love in community. What does that love look like? Read Romans 14-15 and come prepared to discuss this love command together.

Please call Sally Cokelet if you have any questions, 585-3325.

Women’s Book Group to host Spring Book Exchange

The Women’s Book Group would like to invite everyone (men and women) to participate in a book exchange in the social hall at Christ the King on Saturday morning, April 17th beginning at 10am.

Bring in your books (please write your name in them if you wish to have them returned to you) and we will share in a bit of fellowship over coffee and treats as we look over the book selection.

All books not picked (and not wanted returned) will be donated to the CtK Rummage Sale to be held May 1st. This is a great opportunity to clean out your bookshelves and help with the CtK fundraiser at the same time!

Questions? Talk to Dawn Byrd.
Garden Planning Underway for North 40!

Great Opportunity! We all know that each and everyone of you has a big, red heart, but now you have a chance to display your 'green' thumb. Christ the King is undertaking a great opportunity for service to the community. We are starting a vegetable garden to grow produce for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.

BUT.. we need your help. If you can contribute anything that might be laying around your yard, i.e., PVC pipe, fence posts, flower bulbs, seeds, deer netting, garden hand tools, tractors, etc, they would be extremely useful.

Also, we need YOU!! You are the main ingredient in this project. If you can donate a day, or anytime at all, we would love to have your help and your input. Another way you can help with this community service project is if you have any business contacts that might be willing to contribute to this worthy effort.

SO.. this is an open invitation to you and your family to be a part of a fun and useful project; you can do it at your own time schedule and you will see the fruits (no pun intended!) of your labor. Contact Paula Beehler (624-0155) if you have any questions or would like to join us.

If vegetables aren't your thing, we are also looking for flower gardeners to help us beautify the SW corner of the property (near Flanders Mill & Durston Road intersection). Contact Joanne Dunne (585-9493) if you are interested.

MSU Finals Week Care Bags

It's that time already...MSU Finals Week will begin Monday, May 3rd so we need to assemble Care Bags to distribute on Sunday, May 2nd.

We have approximately 25 students worshiping with us this year and would love to fill 30 bags with homemade goodies and treats to remind the students that during this stress-filled time they have a congregation of people who care about them.

Items for bags: Apples, oranges, grapes (small fruit, please); trail mix, microwave popcorn, cup-a-soup, cookies, brownies, cupcakes or muffins, candy bars, cocoa, tea, fruit roll-ups or chews, gum, granola bars, etc. Please drop off no later than 10am, Friday, April 30th.

If you can help assemble the bags on Friday, April 30th at 10am please let Dawn know.

Spring Rummage Sale at Christ the King!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1st for the first (annual?) CtK Rummage Sale, 7am-12pm! The sale will take place in the church social hall and main yard (weather permitting).

Donations will be accepted April 26-30th only due to limited storage space.

Sale items will be sorted April 29th (6-9pm) and priced April 30th (6pm-'til thru). Watch the bulletin for more information.

Many hands/bodies will be needed to make this sale successful! If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy at 406-920-1051. Sale proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry of CtK.
Outdoor Adventures Annual Bike Tour

Bicycle season opens in Yellowstone. This is a family opportunity to enjoy the Park when people on bicycles share the road with wildlife and very few cars.

Meet with others at Christ the King parking lot for this Outdoor Adventure, **Saturday, April 10, at 9:00 AM**. Part of the group will ride 14 miles from West Yellowstone to Madison Junction for lunch, then return. Others, with small children or less energy, ride part way. Some could plan to return to Bozeman by 5:30pm, others by 9:00pm after an extended ride to Gibbon Falls, and/or an IMAX presentation and evening meal.

Bring bicycle, lunch and water. Be prepared for unpredictable weather and possibly a $12 park entrance fee for adults over 16. No charge for children or those with a National Park Service pass or Golden Age Passport.

Call Jerry or LaVonne Nielsen at 587-8643 if you are interested. We have a few extra bicycles.

Easter Egg Hunt

All children and youth are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to begin Easter morning at 10:00 a.m.

Bring a basket to collect your goodies!

Health Tidbit

**Did you know---**

For women undergoing breast cancer treatment: there is a cleaning service which provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.

All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. **Cleaning for a Reason** will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

http://www.cleaningforareason.org/

Sunday school children to sing

Preschool and elementary kids will be singing songs learned in Sunday school during the second service on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Upcoming dates for singing in service are April 25 (8:30am only) and May 23 (11am only).

Please mark these dates on the calendar and be prepared to bring your children with voices ready! Please contact Christa Sheasby with questions at 581-3996.

Adult Choir Spring Schedule --

3/28-sing both services with children's chorus
3/31-no rehearsal
4/2-rehearsal 6:00-6:45
4/2-sing at 7pm Good Friday
4/4-sing both services
4/7-no rehearsal
4/14-rehearsal 7:00-8:00
4/21-rehearsal 7:00-8:00
4/25-sing both services
4/28-rehearsal 7:00-8:00
In Our Prayers . . .

This Past Month: Susan Hanson; Allen White; Randy Johnson (Paula Beehler’s son); Fred Kruger; Bobb Beehler; Mary Gerlach; Linda Nelson; Ti; Kim Devore, Jim Simon, Kathy and Sue (friends of Kim); Jeffrey Modde (John Modde’s son); Wayne (Rosanne Modde’s son).

- Pray for a just and sustainable peace in all the world. Keep all those who live in the midst of war and those who work in harms way in your prayers, including Kevin Meyerhoff, Chaplain Steven Nicolai, Chris Reimer, Sarah DeGraw Burlee, Gregg Johnson, all currently deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and other areas of the world.

Parish Nurse Notes --
by Sharon Erickson, PhD, RN, LCPC

As a service of your Parish Nurse, I am restarting the Parish Nurse Notes with health information of all kinds to foster your greater physical, mental, and spiritual health, and the health of our congregation. I will also be adding Health Tidbits scattered throughout the Newsletter—little ideas or resources for better health. Look for them, and give me ideas for possible articles or notes. It should be fun!

April 24-May 1 is National Infant Immunization Week this year. We all have heard of the importance of immunization. Immunization was responsible for the eradication of the scourge of smallpox and is doing the same for polio. It’s important that we prevent the spread of other diseases which have serious complications for some children by immunizing our infants and kids. Consult your pediatrician, family practitioner, or health department for more information. Our Gallatin County Health Department offers yearly, inexpensive, immunizations for children.

In conjunction with the annual observance, the Gallatin County Health Department and the Bozeman Noon Rotary Club will once again co-sponsor “Immunization Day” on Tuesday, April 27th. Parents of children ages infant through Junior High school are encouraged to make appointments between the hours of 9am and noon and between 1pm and 4pm to have their children’s immunizations brought current. While the Gallatin County Health Department will be requesting parents to pay reduced fees for these immunizations, which will be based on the family’s income level, the Bozeman Noon Rotary Club has agreed to pick up the costs for those who may be unable to pay for their child’s immunizations.

Take advantage of this opportunity to protect your children, and by extension our community, in a convenient and cost effective way.

Thank You(s) . . .

* Thank you to the pastors and congregation for all your prayers, visits and calls before and following my recent surgery. Special thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the gift of a prayer shawl. All were very much appreciated.

Bobbee Beehler

* We would like to sincerely thank you for providing lunch for us this past week (March 11th)! Your generosity was so kind and we appreciate it so much. You made our stay in Montana so welcoming! Thank you!

Maribeth Armenio, Jennifer Barbera and the Catholic University Habitat Group

* Special thanks to Adam Byrd, Dawn Byrd, and Pr. Grant for delivering and serving the HfH lunch on March 11th.

* A great big “Thank You” goes out to our Butter Braid Pastry customers. The Youth & Family Ministry Team appreciate your support! The earnings will help fund the Youth Mission Trip to the Yakima Reservation in July, as well as other youth events.

* To John and Justina Sheppard family for the 2010 Paschal Candle, given in memory of Tina’s father, James Arthur Pape. See the article about the Paschal Candle elsewhere in this newsletter.

* To everyone who donated soup and cereal during our annual Soup Drive for the GV Food Bank! We collected 378 cans of soup and 50 boxes of cereal!

* I want to express my thanks to everyone who supported us in some way during my surgery in February. To those of you who brought over food, it was wonderful. I didn’t have to cook for two weeks. We were so encouraged by all those who called or visited us before, during or after my surgery, as well as those who sent cards. Ten different men from the Saturday morning men’s Bible study, Bible Study Fellowship, Cursillo and work took turns spending time with Merlin throughout the entire surgery. What a witness to God’s love. A special thanks to everyone who held us up in prayer. We could feel the prayer support and the surgery went so well even the doctor was amazed. I know it was because of all your prayers. I also want to express my thanks to the prayer shawl ministry. I was one of the first recipients of a prayer shawl. It was so comforting to me to wrap up in it both in the hospital and at home. It works much better than a robe in the hospital because the tubes in your arms make it difficult to put anything on with sleeves. Thank you doesn’t seem enough to express what I feel. I have been blessed and all of you have been part of it.

Linda Nelson
Snacks for Noah’s Ark Kids

Every April, Christ the King Lutheran is asked to provide healthy, nutritious treats for the “after school program” at the Salvation Army’s Noah’s Ark.

The Salvation Army hosts approximately 5-8 children from 3:30-5pm, Monday-Friday. Children who would otherwise have to go home to an empty house because their parents work out of the home.

Suggested treats include: homemade cookies, bars, cupcakes; string cheese (white); peanut butter, crackers (any kind), pudding cups, applesauce cups, ready-made frosting, apples, grapes, oranges, bananas, caramel dips, go-gurts, and juice boxes.

Treats may be dropped off at the Salvation Army facility (old Daily Chronicle, 425 E. Babcock) any time before 3:30pm. Please note that the facility is closed during the noon hour.

To sign up to provide treats, please see the calendar marked Noah’s Ark on the bulletin boards in the social hall. Thank you!

Glass Recycling April 24th

The Gallatin Zero Waste Coalition is organizing a glass recycling event to coincide with the Gallatin Earth Day Clean-Up Day Celebration on April 24th.

Gallatin Valley residents will be able to bring glass bottles and jars to Bogert Park on the 24th and drop them off so they can be pulverized, recycled and reused locally. This event is meant to increase awareness and generate support for more comprehensive recycling opportunities in Gallatin County.

We are also looking for individuals and organizations who would like to “Adopt a Ton” of glass - only $29 pays for a ton of glass to be pulverized. The donations are tax deductible and we have a donation site set up through the Yellowstone Business Partnership.

For more information or to donate: visit their website: www.yellowstonebusiness.org. Donations are tax deductible.

Mobilizing the local church to meet needs

We are privileged as a community of faith to be partners with other local Christian churches in a joint ministry called “Love in the name of Christ-Love INC.”

When Christ the King became a partner with other churches to form Love INC sixteen years ago, it entered that partnership with the understanding that it would provide volunteers to “mobilize the local church to meet needs.”

Love INC is an outreach vehicle of its partner churches. It is NOT a staff-run service agency or a community charity.

Friends in Christ, since its inception in 1996, Love INC has fielded an increasing number of requests for assistance. What was a manageable numbers of calls (5-10 per day) has become a FLOOD of calls (35-40 per day)!

More than 8,800 requests came to Love INC in 2009. But how many volunteer workers does the office have each day working the phones? One or two.

I know of three Christ the King members (and former members) who have volunteered at Love INC. One has moved away, one no longer attends as an active member of Ctk, and one soldiers on helping to stock personal care items at the Love INC office.

Love INC is no longer able to offer the kind of assistance that is was able to do in the past because of this increase in requests for assistance. The reason why is simple: the partner churches have not provided the promised volunteers for Love INC to carry out its mission-
mobilize the local church to meet needs.

God has built Love INC to the point where people in Gallatin County count on Christians to respond when they are hurting and in need. In a word, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Your support and the offering of time and talent are the only way that Love INC happens. Love INC is making a huge impact in Gallatin County, as the statistics show. The growing number of calls reveals that people are turning to the true source of help—God and God’s people-in greater numbers as circumstances become more difficult.

If you are able to help Love INC, please call their office at 587.6395

(A summary of a letter written by Nancy Van Dyken, executive director of Love INC and supplemented by Pastor Grant Barnett Christenson)
Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday, April 4th. 10am
Bring an Easter basket or bag to collect eggs in!
Then open up all you find to keep the treats inside! There will be THREE egg hunt areas: preschool-Kindergarten, 1st-5th grade, 6th grade-high school.
Photo Ops . . .?

New Worship Band, l-r: Matt Zimmerman, percussion; Jim Anderson, bass; Courtney Yovich, Pr. Lindean, Angie Anderson, vocals; Mike Comstock, lead guitar; Bill Graham, piano.

Mary, George & Martha at the Star Spangled Symphony for Families Feb. 13th, (l-r) Mary Gerlach, Joel Jahnke, Jean Nedrud.

CtK Youth helping stuff envelopes for the Billings Food Bank at the 2010 Youth Quake Zone event in February. Youth l-r: Julian Gaub, Abby Eichenberger and Minnie Harney. Standing: Tina Sheppard.

CtK Youth selling Butter Braids for spring fundraiser, l-r: JJ Dynneson, Marley Burns, Robert Nolan, Courtney Yovich, Lawrence & Chaile Dynneson.

2010 Picture Directory -- Please stop in the social hall Sunday mornings (3/28, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 to have your family photo taken for our updated directory.

No sign up, sales pitch, or stiff posing! Just line up for your turn at the photo shoot!

New directories will be available the first week in May!
Something Old and Something New . . . by Dr. Jerrold Johnson

I re-read an old essay of mine about Easter from 1993 that works well for the season. I also completed a poem (as near as one is ever complete—they are always subject to change). Lent, Easter, March Madness all fit well into a capricious season of "like it or not, what you see is what you got."

Spring, Bears, and Resurrection (1993)

Thirteen years on a school board convinced me that no issue be decided in March. People are irascible like bears coming out from hibernation. Streets are full of holes, dirt is everywhere and spring cleanup looks overwhelming. I am reminded of that old tonic, sulfur and molasses, an unpalatable way to purge winter doldrums. Even Mother Nature is fickle, smiling at us one minute with warm sunshine, and then lashing out with a surprise blizzard or flash flood. The promise, of course, is that following spring’s tumultuous labor the earth blooms with radiant new growth, and a sense of joy prevails.

It’s speculative as to when Jesus was crucified, but tradition holds that it was this time of year. It was a stormy era in Israel. The Jews, ever feisty, chafed under Roman rule. Secret sects formed and there was resurgence of Messiah talk. For awhile Jesus seemed to be the Anointed One, but he championed a different revolution and even his disciples floundered in confusion. The church hierarchy feared him and, in the mood of the mob, it was easy to get him condemned. In any case the symbolism of crucifixion and resurrection occurring in this turbulent season is rich with meaning. We understand that a long hard winter provides nourishing water, that in the strength and warmth of the sun (Son), from death arises new life. Lent reminds us that despite sorrows, dreariness, and tragedy of life Easter dawns, our faith is made new again------there is hope.

Dr. Jerry Johnson graciously writes this column for CTK and his former congregation in Reno. He welcomes your comments and discussion with him of any of these topics.

Spring’s Harbinger

Days ago,  
Maybe ten or so,  
I heard a robin call,  
“cheer, cheer, cheer”--  
ringing notes of joy.  
Monday past I spied  
this happy harbinger  
perched on my neighbor’s roof.  
“A pious bird with scarlet breast”  
(Old English legend has it)  
mercifully plucked a thorn  
from Christ’s Calvary crown  
a drop of our Savior’s blood  
dyed red its chest.  
That spring’s new life soon will follow  
we happily attest.  

Jerrold E. Johnson, 3-25-10

Financial Offering Report

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World Hunger Appeal

World Hunger Cups: $501  
Total World Hunger March: $661  
2010 Total Hunger Giving: $1,761  
2009 Total Hunger Giving: $8,035

Moms and Munchkins -- beginning in April, will be gathering twice a month on the first and third Thursdays from 11am-12noon.

Questions? Talk to Pastor Lindean.
Present: Pastor Grant Barnett Christensen, Mike Beehler, Bob DuBose, Allan Kirk, Mike Dorrence, Mike Hegel, Sharon Erickson, John Amend. Absent: Jane Mangold, Martia Swanson.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President Allan Kirk. Opening prayer by Pastor Grant.

Ministry Team: Bob DuBose
Gardening group is getting organized and has considerable interest. This group would develop a garden on unused Church property.

The Night Shift cookie program initiated at New Year’s was a big success with the emergency and hospital personnel who received a fresh cookie “thank-you” from the youth group.

Postcards promoting Holy Week activities and worship schedule will be printed at CtK. Volunteers will deliver them in the neighborhood Sunday, March 21.

Bob and Michelle will be in Texas for a month and a half this spring and then will be camping and working at Grand Teton National Park for the summer. Given almost six months of coming absence, Bob felt that his Council position should be given to someone who is able to attend, and submitted his resignation. The Council thanked Bob for his service and wished Bob and Michelle a good summer in the Park.

Motion to receive the treasurer’s report: MSC (Beehler, Dorrence)

Pastor’s Report: Pr. Grant
Received as printed and reviewed.

Music Report: Christa Sheasby, DOM
Received.

Motion to receive staff reports: MSC (Mike Dorrence / Mike Hegel)

Administration Report: Allan Kirk
Dennis Cartwright has announced his resignation effective August 31, 2010.

Building and Grounds: Mike Dorrence
New lights are up and work well. Thanks Dennis Cartwright and his team. There was some wall patching and painting resulting from light replacement.

There are problems with ice dams on the roof. Looking into solutions.

Learn: No report

Serve: Sharon Erickson
Parish nurse program getting started again.

Share:
Offering counters are organized for the year. Can still use a few more trained volunteers.

Welcome:
Joann Dunne and Dawn Byrd have set up Spring Salt Shakers and Martia Swanson and others are developing other welcoming programs.

Worship:
Included with the music report.

Youth and Family Ministry:
This committee is conducting a number of youth activities. A written report will be placed in Council mail boxes.

Mutual Ministry: Allan Kirk
CtK handled the ELCA sexuality resolution with early discussion, prior to the vote. The result was that this has not been an issue in this congregation.

Old Business:
Motion to receive the Annual Meeting minutes: MSC (Beehler / Hegel)
Allan and Mike H. will contact the Mission Investment fund about delaying the capital campaign until next year.

Right now we don’t have a youth representative to attend the Synod meeting.

New Business:
Council retreat schedule at Comfort Inn, 9-3pm, Saturday, March 27. Discussed retreat format and items.

Feed My Starving Children – Grant reported on this program to manufacture food packets that can be stored and transported to meet immediate needs anywhere in the world. Need 500 volunteers to do this. It would take place over a couple of days in our Social Hall. The organization ships in the food; volunteers assemble the packet. People volunteer for shifts. Interest in CtK providing organizational leadership to develop a Bozeman task force to provide two days of volunteer labor for this program. Sharon Erickson will provide initial leadership.

Bulletin Board: Council members should get a photo and short resume by next Council meeting.

A “Jobs” bulletin board could be useful. We might be able to match member’s experience and need for work with service or work that people need to have be done.

Love INC asked for 15 minutes at the next meeting.

Next meeting:
Thursday, April 15. Sharon will do the opening prayer. Lindean will do the study.
Christ E-Tidings -- April 2010 Edition

April 2010

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**Scripture Readings for the month of April**

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**Scripture Readers:** Please note that the gospel (usually Luke) is read by the Pastor on Sunday morning.

**Christikon Clips**

Youth campers: There’s a “special deal” available: **Bring a friend to camp with you for free (well, nearly).** Bring a friend who has never been a Christikon youth camper before. You pay the regular camp fee; your friend pays only the $50 deposit. While some camp sessions are getting full, it’s not too late to send your registration.

Adults and families: Spend some time in a lovely mountain setting with some of the most-fun-to-be-with people, at our **Work Weekend May 28-31**, **Mountain Weekend 1 July 9-11**, **Mountain Weekend 2 July 23-25**, and the Continuing Education Retreat for rostered ministers, interested lay people and their families, **July 23-25**. It’s also possible for adult groups to schedule a backpack trip through Christikon July 22-26, or at other times during the summer.

Get on board! The annual **Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts and Whole Lot More** comes on Sunday, **April 25, at the Billings Depot, 4-7 p.m.** Food and beverages will be available, and of course, some of the finest artistry in both a live auction and a silent auction, including hand-made quilts, use of a condo in Cabo San Lucas Mexico, a Vikings football package, a gourmet dinner for 6, a day of heavy equipment services (with operator), a fishing/float trip on the Big Horn River, fine art work, and gift baskets. We’ll also be seeking special support for our Sojourners Camp for at-risk youth. Admission at the door is $10. Information and tickets available at our web site.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ — exploring God’s creation and the adventure of life together.

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13. **Easter bulbs can be taken home today--**: 1-3:00 Worship Band
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Mission: We are a Christian community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve

Vision: Reflecting God’s love, this congregation builds a people a place with resources for ministry in Christ’s name through prayer study worship sacraments service

Values: Knowing all are saved by grace through faith, we value creativity diversity generosity honesty hospitality justice respect teamwork practiced through the joyful work of love.

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Easter Sunday
April 4 -- 8:30 & 11:00am
Worship celebrating the resurrection of the risen Lord.
Easter Brunch served from 9:30-10:45am. Sign up sheet in the social hall.
Easter Egg Hunt for all children beginning at 10am.

NOTE: See full Holy Week schedule in detail on page one of this newsletter.